TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1105.

Monday the 19th May 1930/6th Edavam 1105.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-thirtyfive of the Clock, with the Deputy President in the Chair.

The following members were not present.

1. Mr. L. A. Lampard, and
2. Mr. N. R Krishnan.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Statement, by caste, of officers of the Anchal Department drawing Rs. 20 and above.

338.* **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, showing the names of the officers of the Anchal Department drawing a salary of Rs. 20 and above?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

Appointment of Mr. Sambasiva Sastri as Curator for the publication of Malayalam manuscripts.

339. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any special reason has weighed with them now for entrusting Mr. Sambasiva Sastri, the Curator for the publication of Sanskrit manuscripts, with the duties of the Curator for the publication of Vernacular manuscripts also?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Advisory Board for the publication of Sanskrit Manuscripts at first recommended that the Department for the publication of Sanskrit Manuscripts should be entrusted with the publication of such Vernacular books as are closely connected with important works in Sanskrit. The Board subsequently suggested the amalgamation of the two departments for the following reasons:—

(1) that it is not economical to have two publishing departments;

(2) that a thorough knowledge of Sanskrit literature and language is highly desirable for satisfactorily editing Malayalam Manuscripts;

* *Vide* Appendix XLII—pages 920 to 927.

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[Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai.]

(3) that owing to the inter-allied nature of Sanskrit and Malayalam works, co-ordination of the publications could be better achieved by one and the same agency attending to both the publications ;

(4) that in the matter of collection of manuscripts, duplication of agencies could be avoided ; and

(5) that the present Sanskrit Curator is well versed in Malayalam.

When the Board's recommendation was being considered by Government, Dr. Sankara Menon went on four months' leave. Mr. Sambasiva Sastri was thereupon asked to take charge of the Malayalam Curator's department in addition to his own duties as Sanskrit Curator.

Felling down and removal of trees from poramboke lands in the Minachil taluk.

340. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the allegations against the Tahsildar, Minachil, *re* felling and selling away Government trees have been properly enquired into ;

(*b*) whether Mr. S. C. H. Robinson went to Minachil and whether he was shown the tree stumps along certain *todu porambokes* ;

(*c*) the length of *todu poramboke* inspected by Mr. S. C. H. Robinson ;

(*d*) the number of tree stumps seen within the length inspected;

(*e*) the *pakuties* from which trees are alleged to have been cut and removed ;

(*f*) the *pakuti* or *pakuties* inspected by Mr. S. C. H. Robinson;

(*g*) the reasons why Mr. S. C. H. Robinson did not inspect all the *pakuties* ;

(*h*) the nature of the enquiry, if any, which Mr. S. C. H. Robinson conducted in the matter ; and

(*i*) whether Mr. S. C. H. Robinson has submitted any report to the Government ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the affirmative.

(*c*) Nearly two miles.

(*d*) Fifteen stumps were pointed out to the Land Revenue Commissioner by the complainant.

(*e*) It was alleged in the petitions received by the Government that trees have been cut and removed from the *pakuties* of Lalam, Ramapuram, Elakad, Puliyannur, Minachil and Kondoor.

(*f*) Lalam.

(*g*) The Land Revenue Commissioner says that at the time of inspection, he was required by the petitioner Thomman Ouseph, to inspect the Lalam *pakuti* alone and that, when the petitioner was asked whether he wanted the Land Revenue Commissioner to go and see any more stumps, he replied in the negative.

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